

## 2009 Volleyball Rules Clinic- Unit IV

### Important Dates

**Monday, August 10, 2009 (Week 7)** - First official practice date

**Saturday, August 15, 2009 (Week 7)** - Regular season competition may begin

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009** – Varsity rosters for eligibility due on-line

**Monday, October 26, 2009 (Week 18)** – Class A and AA District Tournaments Begins

**Monday, November 2, 2009 (Week 19)** -Class AAA-AAAAA Dist. Tournament Begins

**Friday/Saturday, November 6-7, 2009 (Week 19)** - Class A, AA 1<sup>st</sup> Round of State

**Sunday, November 8, 2009 (Week 20)** – Selection/Seeding for Class AAA-AAAAA,  
Seeding for Class A-AA (8 Teams)

**Thursday-Saturday, November 12-14, 2009 (Week 20)** – AAA-AAAAA 1st Round of  
12; Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Finals for All Classes

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### Volleyball

#### 7.22.4E. District Tie-Breaking Procedures to Determine Placement

*District Placement Tiebreaker to be used by ALL districts within the sport of volleyball*

- A. A school must play each member of the district an equal number of times to be eligible for the championship.
- B. District placement is determined by district play record.
- C. If two teams are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place there will be an automatic playoff game to determine the #1 and 2 seeds. This game will be played at a neutral site as determined by the NMAA Executive Director.
- D. In the event that more than two teams are tied, placement is determined using the following procedures:
1. The team with the better head to head record in district play between the tied teams will have earned higher placement.
  2. If more than two teams are still tied, then the head to head games within the district matches between the tied teams will be used to determine placement (i.e., 3-0, 3-1, 3-2). The top two teams will then have a playoff game to determine the #1 and 2 seeds.
  3. If a tie of more than two teams still exists, then the head to head points within the district matches between the tied teams will be used to determine placement (i.e., 25-20, 20-25, 25-17, 18-25, 15-13). The top two teams will then have a playoff game to determine the #1 and #2 seeds.
  4. If more than two teams are still tied, then the difference in points scored vs. points given up during the head to head district matches between the tied teams will be used to determine placement (i.e 25-20, would be + 5, 16-25 would be – 9). The top two teams will then have a playoff game to determine the #1 and #2 seeds.

5. If a tie of more than two teams still exists, a coin flip will be used to determine placement. The NMAA Executive Director or designee in conjunction with the tied schools will conduct the flip.

Three coins will be tossed with the odd team receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the remaining two teams having a playoff game to determine the #1 and #2 seeds.

E. Ties for second place or lower

1. The same procedures as outlined above shall be utilized except a playoff game shall not be included in the process.

### **Libero Trackers**

It is the responsibility of the host team to provide a libero tracker. If the home team does not use a libero, then the visiting team must provide their own libero tracker.

### **Artificial Noisemakers**

Under NFHS rules, the use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited. However, New Mexico's exception states that the use of artificial noisemakers is allowed during prematch, between points, timeouts, between games, and post-game. Any noisemaker which imitates an officials' whistle or any other signaling device is strictly prohibited.

### **State Championship Site**

Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho will serve as the state championship site. All matches will be played on sport court. In the quarterfinal rounds, four courts will be utilized at once. In the semifinals, two courts and for the final, one championship court. The exception to the above is Class A who will play their quarterfinals match at a high school site.

### **First Round of State pairings for Class A and AA**

NOTE: The champion from one district will host the runner-up from another district based upon the rotation below. Districts 1-4 are considered North; Districts 5-8 are considered South. Districts 1-4 will play on a rotating basis and Districts 5-8 will play on a rotating basis.

<b>2008-2009</b>
<b>1C vs. 4R</b>
<b>2C vs. 3R</b>
<b>3C vs. 2R</b>
<b>4C vs. 1R</b>
<b>5C vs. 6R</b>
<b>6C vs. 5R</b>
<b>7C vs. 8R</b>
<b>8C vs. 7R</b>

- E.** Winners of the First Round of State advance to the quarterfinals and will be placed in a seeded 8-team bracket. See criteria below under 7.11.3.

### **7.11.1 Selection /Seeding Committees**

Committees in volleyball will be formed as follows:

- A.** Each district will select a person to represent that district by particular sport. The person can be anyone such as, but not limited to, an athletic director, administrator, former coach, or a community member. It cannot be a current coach of that particular sport.
- B.** The NMAA will appoint an at-large person to serve on each Committee who has a good overall knowledge of the sport in New Mexico and can be totally unbiased to this particular position.
- C.** An NMAA staff member will chair each particular Committee. The NMAA staff member will serve as the committee facilitator and will not vote unless there is a tie.
- D.** Districts will be required to select their representative by September 1, 2009.

### **7.11.2 Selection process for the 12 team format in classes 3A, 4A, and 5A in the sport of volleyball**

- A.** *District Champions will automatically advance to the playoffs. Exception: In the sports of volleyball that have district tournaments, if the regular season champion and tournament champion are different, they will both automatically advance to the playoffs.*
- B.** ...

C. The remainder of the teams will be selected by the Selection Committee using the following criteria. There is neither order nor priority in the criteria listed below:

1. Finish in district play and/or district tournaments.
2. Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts.
3. Input from Committee members.
4. Overall records.
5. Elimination – what teams from that particular class do not fit the 12 or 16-team format due to their lack of success during the current year.

**\*NOTE:** One district team cannot be seeded or selected higher than another who came out of district as a lower seed with regular season taking precedence over tournament play. In the event of a tie in the district standings, the Seeding/Selection Committee may use district tournament results or any other head to head competition to determine the selection/seeding order between the two teams that are tied.

Example 1: The district teams are Alamogordo, Gadsden, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate. In volleyball, prior to the district tournament, the teams are seeded as follows:

Gadsden – 1, Oñate – 2, Mayfield – 3, Las Cruces – 4,  
Alamogordo – 5

**Scenario:** Las Cruces enters the district volleyball tournament as the 4 seed, but upsets Mayfield, Oñate, and Gadsden and wins the tournament championship. Gadsden (regular season champion) and Las Cruces (tournament champion) both automatically advance into the field of 16. However, both Mayfield and Oñate get At-Large berths as well. By rule Gadsden must be seeded above Oñate, Oñate above Mayfield, and Mayfield above Las Cruces because regular season play takes precedence over tournament play.

### **7.11.3 Seeding Process/Criteria for Class 3A-5A in Volleyball**

- A. ...
- B. In classes 3A, 4A and 5A, teams will be seeded 1-12.
- C. ...
- D. There is neither order nor priority in the seeding criteria listed below:
  - 1. Finish in district play and/or district tournaments.
  - 2. Performance against other teams including district champions or runner-ups from other districts.
  - 3. Input from Committee members.
  - 4. Overall records.
  - 5. ...

**\*NOTE:** One district team cannot be seeded or selected higher than another who came out of district as a lower seed with regular season taking precedence over tournament play. As per Board of Directors, September 27, 2006. In the event of a tie in the regular season district standings, the Seeding/Selection Committee may use district tournament results or any other head to head competition to determine the selection/seeding order between the two teams that are tied.

### **Passes/Complimentary List**

All Championship Events, excluding Basketball: Coaches and administrators at NMAA member schools will provide the complimentary entrance table/booth with two forms of identification (school ID and driver license) and sign in on the VIP list in order to receive free admission into the event.

Coaches are only permitted complimentary admission to the sport or sports in which they coach. Coaches names must be submitted to the NMAA via the Information On-Line Reporting System.

It should be noted that the complimentary admission only permits the coach and/or administrator complimentary admission; it does NOT permit spouses or guests.

Officials will follow the same procedure; however one form of identification must be presented with the volleyball official's registration card.

## 7.7.2 Participant, Coach/ School Personnel Ejection

**A. Participant Ejection** - When a participant is ejected/disqualified from any contest/game for unsportsmanlike conduct the minimum penalty shall be as follows:

### 1. FIRST OFFENSE

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game at the same level and may not participate at any level until the one-game suspension has been served.
- The ejected participant must complete the NMAA's online Pursuing Victory with Honor course prior to returning to competition.

### 2. SECOND or SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game minimally and depending upon the individual case a more restrictive penalty may be imposed as determined by the Director, including a meeting with the Director or his designee and the coach and school administrator.
- The involved school and official are required to notify the Association, in writing, of each offense or be subject to additional sanctions.

**\*NOTE:** Participant ejections are concurrent throughout the year and not per sports season.

Example: If a young man is ejected from a football game, and this same young man is ejected from a basketball game, this would be considered his second offense.

#### Participant Ejection Clarification:

- Student athletes may not dress out in uniform, participate in warm-up, or be directly involved with the contest in any way.
- Student athletes may attend the contest, sit on the bench, or stand on the sideline if approved by the local school administration.
- Student athletes may travel with the team for out of town contests if approved by the local school administration.
- Any violation of this policy may result in further sanctions as deemed necessary by the Executive Director.

**B. School Personnel Ejection** - A coach/school employee who is ejected from an athletic contest/game, regardless of sport, is required to meet the following criteria:

**1. FIRST OFFENSE**

- Sit out the next contest/game minimally, at all levels. This penalty is the responsibility of the local school district to impose. This sanction is subject to final approval by the NMAA after such violation is reported within a reasonable time frame but prior to the next contest.
- Complete the NMAA's online Pursuing Victory with Honor course prior to their return to competition.
- The member school will be required to pay a \$100.00 sanction to the NMAA.

**2. SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES**

- Automatic suspension from the next contest/game minimally and depending upon the individual case a more restrictive penalty may be imposed as determined by the Director, including a meeting with the Director or his designee.
- Mandatory completion of the National Federation of High Schools' (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching Course.
- The member school will be required to pay a \$250.00 sanction to the NMAA. The fine will be doubled for subsequent offenses.

**\*NOTE:** Coaching/School Personnel ejections are concurrent throughout the school year and not per sports season. Example: If a football coach is ejected from a football game in the fall, and the same coach, who now coaches baseball, is ejected from a baseball game in the spring, this would be considered his second offense.

Failure to comply or repeated offenses may result in up to a one year suspension, a monetary fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or suspension of the school from the Association for the activity in which the coach was involved and who will be required to meet with the Director or his designee in Albuquerque at the NMAA Office. The fine and/or suspension is at the discretion of the Director.

**Coach Ejection Clarification:**

- Coaches must leave the playing facility of the scheduled contest 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. The coach may have absolutely no further communication with any team personnel (coaches, team members, managers, trainers, etc.) until the contest is concluded.
- Coaches may travel with the team for out of town contests in the capacity of a chaperone, but must adhere to the rule stated above prior to and during the contest.
- Coaches may attend contests of other teams during the sit out period providing the other game(s) is being played at a site other than that of the coach's team.

## **Volleyball Sports Specific Committee**

5A Representative – Toby Manzanares, Rio Rancho High School

4A Representative – Kim Bell, Moriarty High School

3A Representative – Brian Ainsworth, Pojoaque High School

2A Representative – Glenda Noblitt, Estancia High School

1A Representative – TBD

At-Large – Keith Leupold, Las Cruces High School

Athletic Director – Charles Savedara, Socorro High School

Athletic Director – Vicki Nelms, Los Alamos High School

NMOA Representative – John Villescás, Southwest Region

NMAA Representative – Sally Marquez, Associate Director

NMAA Representative – Alissa McCarthy, Administrative Assistant